

## Andrew Jackson to Edward Livingston, May 29, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### TO SECRETARY LIVINGSTON.<sup>1</sup>

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Washington, May 29, 1833.

*Sir:* In accepting the resignation of the office of Secretary of State which you have this day tendered to me, allow me to assure you that I do so with a deep sense of the very important aid which you have rendered in conducting the administration. As I shall still, however, have the benefit of your experience and talents in the branch of the public service with which you have been particularly charged during the last two years, the regret which I would otherwise feel at your retirement from this station is greatly diminished.

It gives me pleasure to add on this occasion that, throughout our long acquaintance, in military as well as civil life, I have ever found your eminent talents employed in advancing the good of your country; and that wherever we have cooperated in the public service you have left the evidence of exalted patriotism and unshaken integrity.

That your future days may be blessed with prosperity and happiness is the sincere wish of your friend and very obt. svt.